

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 447.205, the Georgia Department of Community Health is required to give public notice of any significant proposed change in its methods and standards for setting payment rates for services.

HOME HEALTH

Effective for services provided on and after July 1, 2008, and subject to payment at fee-for-services rates, the Department is proposing to increase the cap for home health services to \$90 and pay the lesser of the cap or 100% of cost, according to the FY2006 cost reports.

Effective July 1, 2008, Care Management Organizations are required to increase their current per unit reimbursement rates for their contracted Home Health providers to effect a rate change comparable to the proposed change in fee-for-service rates.

The purpose of this change is to more accurately match payments to the level of service being provided. This change is estimated to increase annual expenditures as follows:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>State Funds</u>
Aged, Blind, and Disabled	\$3,168,664	\$1,136,283
Low Income Medicaid	649,519	232,918
PeachCare for Kids	16,997	4,254
All Programs	<u>\$3,835,180</u>	<u>\$1,373,455</u>

This public notice is available for review at each county Department of Family and Children Services office. An opportunity for public comment will be held on **May 20, 2008**, 1 p.m., at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room. Individuals who are disabled and need assistance to participate during this meeting should call (404) 656-4479. Citizens wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **May 30, 2008**, to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 38406, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

Comments submitted will be available for review by the public at the Department of Community Health, Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Room 4074, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board of Community Health prior to the **June 12, 2008** Board meeting. The Board will vote on the proposed changes at the Board meeting to be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 8th DAY OF MAY, 2008

Rhonda M. Medows, M.D., Commissioner